CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute any originally presented or canceled claims in a continuing or future application.

1. (currently amended) A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a web browser operating on a user's computer, comprising the sequential steps of:

submitting, from said web browser, a search request to a search engine located on the Internet;

receiving a rank-ordered hyperlink list from [[a]] said search engine to form a queue of hyperlinks;

automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said queue of hyperlinks list to form into a rank-ordered queue of webpages stored on the user's computer; and

viewing said webpages in [[a]] the web browser.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by preloading a selectable number of webpages pointed to by a selectable number of hyperlinks in [[a]] the queue of hyperlinks.

3-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 where said loading is further accomplished by concurrently preloading a predetermined number of webpages pointed to by hyperlinks in [[a]] the queue of hyperlinks.

7. (original) The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by determining the available network download bandwidth and preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on such available network download bandwidth.

8. (currently·amended) The method of claim 1 where said loading is <u>further</u> accomplished by:

determining that ~~the~~ <u>a processor within the user's</u> computer ~~processor(s)~~ isn't saturated; and

preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on <u>the</u> ~~such~~ processor's non-saturation state.

9. (currently amended) A method of displaying <u>webpages in a web browser operating on a user's computer</u> ~~network-based information~~, including:

displaying a plurality of fully functional webpages in a single web browser at the same time <u>such that all of said plurality of fully functional webpages are simultaneously visible to the user.</u>

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9 where said <u>fully functional webpages</u> ~~displaying is accomplished by making~~ <u>are</u> ~~visible prior~~ preloaded webpages that correspond to hyperlinks in a <u>rank-ordered</u> queue of hyperlinks <u>returned by a search engine</u>.

11-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ <u>9</u> ~~where said operating is accomplished by~~ <u>including</u> changing the number of webpages <u>that are simultaneously</u> displayed ~~in a browser at the same time~~ <u>according to an input from the user.</u>

17. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ <u>9</u> ~~where said operating is accomplished by~~ <u>including selectively</u> saving the <u>queue of</u> hyperlink<u>s or a portion thereof</u> ~~references to any of the webpages displayed or queued for display~~ as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded ~~and displayed~~ in a web browser at a later time.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 10 ~~where said operating is accomplished by~~ including selectively deleting ~~any of the~~ webpages displayed or queued for display.

20. (canceled)

21. (new) The method of claim 1 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time.

22. (new) A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a single web browser operating on a user's computer, comprising the sequential steps of:

submitting, from said single web browser, a search request to a search engine located on the Internet;

receiving a rank-ordered hyperlink list from said search engine;

automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said hyperlink list to form a rank-ordered queue of webpages stored on the user's computer; and

viewing said webpages in said single web browser such that a plurality of fully functional webpages are displayed in said single web browser at the same time.

23. (new) The method of claim 22 where said loading is accomplished by preloading a selectable number of webpages corresponding to a selectable number of hyperlinks in the queue of hyperlinks.

24. (new) The method of claim 22 including changing the number of webpages that are simultaneously displayed according to an input from the user.

25. (new) The method of claim 22 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time.

26. (new) The method of claim 22 where said loading is further accomplished by concurrently preloading a predetermined number of webpages pointed to by hyperlinks in the queue of hyperlinks.

27. (new) The method of claim 22 where said loading is further accomplished by determining the available network download bandwidth and preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on such available network download bandwidth.

28. (new) The method of claim 22 where said loading is further accomplished by:
    determining that a processor within the user's computer isn't saturated; and
    preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on the processor's non-saturation state.

29. (new) The method of claim 22 including selectively deleting webpages displayed or queued for display.

30. (new) A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a single web browser operating on a user's computer, comprising the sequential steps of:
    simultaneously submitting, from said web browser, a search request to multiple search engines located on the Internet;
    receiving a rank-ordered hyperlink list from each of said multiple search engines;
    automatically forming a single queue of hyperlinks from all hyperlink lists received;
    automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said single queue of hyperlinks to form a queue of webpages stored on the user's computer; and
    viewing said webpages in the web browser.

31. (new) The method of claim 30 where viewing said webpages includes displaying a plurality of fully functional webpages in a single web browser at the same time such that all of said plurality of fully functional webpages are simultaneously visible to the user.

32. (new) The method of claim 30 with the additional capability of saving the search topics, options and constraints that comprise the search request that enables a plurality of search engines to return hyperlink lists based on said search topics, options and constraints.

33. (new) The method of claim 30 including selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded in a web browser at a later time.

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